

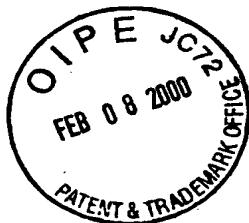
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of  
HUANG et al.

Application No.: 08/882,499

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued September 24, 1999, please enter the following amendments and consider the Declaration under Rule 131 filed herewith and the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

In claim 5, line 6, change "or a" to --and-- and change "derivative" to --  
derivatives--.

REMARKS

Claims 5-7 are pending. Claim 5 has been amended to overcome a 35 USC § 112, second paragraph rejection, and not for the purpose of distinguishing from any prior art. No new matter has been added. Should the application not be put into condition for allowance, the amendment will reduce the issues for the purposes of appeal. Entry is deemed proper, and is respectfully requested.